

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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July 15, 2005

Citation No. 05-06-0133

Eric Jon Little, P.T.
2888 Portals Ave
Clovis CA 93611

License No. PT 12560

CITATION

Investigation of a complaint submitted to the Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) revealed actions taken by you which violate sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

A Citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

1. *Title 16, Section 1398.11 of the California Code of Regulations, Physical Therapy Aide, Student and Intern Identification.*

Pursuant to Section 680 of the code, each supervising licensed physical therapist shall require all physical therapy aides, applicants, students and interns performing patient related tasks under his or her supervision to display while working his or her name and working title on a name tag in at least 18-point type.

On February 17, 2005, a Department of Consumer Affairs investigator and a Board appointment physical therapy consultant visited Sierra Pacific Orthopaedic and Spine Center in Fresno, California. During the visit it was observed that Stacy Montz, physical therapy aide, Nola Wrought, physical therapy aide, Chris Sandoval, physical therapy aide, and Richard Lembo, physical therapist assistant license applicant, were not correctly identified on their name tags.

SECOND CAUSE FOR CITATION

2. *Section 2660(k) of the Business and Professions Code*

The aiding or abetting of any person to engage in the unlawful practice of physical therapy.

The investigation revealed that you allowed Richard Lembo to work as a physical therapist assistant at Sierra Pacific Orthopaedic Center in Fresno, California from September 29, 2002 through November 1, 2004, without a valid California physical therapist assistant license.

ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$ 2500.00** (\$400.00 for first cause, \$2100.00 for second cause) to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

If you wish to contest all or any part of this Citation, complete the enclosed "Notice of Appeal -Request for Informal Conference" form and return it to this office within 10 days after receipt of this Citation. The date indicated on the order of abatement will be held in abeyance only for any violation(s) you wish to contest. The time to correct all uncontested violations will be adhered to as specified. In the alternative, you may, within 30 days after receipt of this Citation, request a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge under the Administrative Procedure Act.

FAILURE TO RETURN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE FORM OR TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN THE TIME INDICATED WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTEST OR APPEAL THIS CITATION.

Administrative Fine

\$ 2500.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

July 15, 2005

Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

July 15, 2005

Citation Against: Eric Jon Little, P.T.

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First Cause:

Violations: Title 16, Section 1398.11 of the California Code of Regulations, Physical Therapy Aide, Student and Intern Identification.

Description:

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Second Cause:

Violations: Section 2660(k) of the Business and Professions Code

Description:

The aiding or abetting of any person to engage in the unlawful practice of physical therapy.

Order of Correction

You are hereby ordered to abate this violation immediately and to cease and desist from further violation.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Citation and Order of Abatement within 30 days of receipt may result in further legal action.